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SUBJECT: STATEMENT TO PRC ON US-SRV RELATIONS

1. FOLLOWING A MEETING WITH PRC LIAISON OFFICE DEPUTY
CHIEF HAN HSU ON ANOTHER MATTER APRIL 29, ASSISTANT
SECRETARY HOLBROOKE NOTED THAT HE WAS LEAVING ON SUNDAY
(MAY 1) FOR PARIS TO REPRESENT THE UNITED STATES IN DIS-
CUSSIONS WITH THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM (SRV).
HE SAID HE WANTED TO INFORM AMBASSADOR HAN, AND HIS
GOVERNMENT, THAT THE PRESIDENT HOPED THAT WE WOULD BE
ABLE THROUGH THESE TALKS TO MOVE TOWARD A PERIOD WHEN
THE WAR IN INDOCHINA WILL HAVE BECOME A HISTORICAL
MATTER AND BEEN PUT BEHIND US. WE DO NOT KNOW
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WHAT THE SRV POSITION WILL BE. BUT FOR OUR PART, WE WERE
VERY PLEASED BY THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION BETWEEN OUR
GOVERNMENT AND THE SRV CONCERNING THE UNRESOLVED QUESTION
OF US SERVICEMEN MISSING IN ACTION DURING THE (VIETNAM)
WAR, AND WE HOPE THAT THESE EXCHANGES OF INFORMATION WILL
CONTINUE. IF THIS MOVEMENT CONTINUES, HOLBROOKE SAID,
WE SEE NO REASON WHY WE CANNOT MOVE, IN THE PRESIDENT'S

WORDS, "AGGRESSIVELY FORWARD" TO ESTABLISH FORMAL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE SRV AND TO SEE THE QUESTION OF THE SRV'S ADMISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS RESOLVED. WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT IT IS IN THE INTEREST NOT

ONLY OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE SRV, BUT ALSO OF THE ENTIRE REGION, INCLUDING THE PRC, FOR THE UNITED STATES TO HAVE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE SRV AND FOR THE ENTIRE REGION NOT TO BE DOMINATED BY SOME OUTSIDE POWER.

2. AMBASSADOR HAN THANKED HOLBROOKE FOR THIS INFORMATION. HE SAID THAT INsofar AS US TALKS WITH THE SRV WERE CONCERNED, THIS ISSUE HAD ARISEN DURING SECRETARY VANCE'S LAST MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR HUANG CHEN. AT THAT TIME, AMBASSADOR HUANG HAD EXPLAINED THE ATTITUDE OF THE PRC GOVERNMENT, I.E. THAT NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE US AND THE SRV WOULD BE A GOOD THING.

3. HOLBROOKE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT WHEN HE RETURNED FROM PARIS, HE COULD MEET AGAIN WITH AMBASSADOR HAN FOR AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS.

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